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FOR CIVIL COORDINATOR

FOLLOWING REPEAT BANGKOK 22023 ACTION SECSTATE 17 OCT

QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L BANGKOK 22023

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SREF, CB

SUBJ: CAMBODIAN REPATRIATES

REF: A. BANGKOK 19804; B. STATE 223305; C. STATE 218063

D. STATE 211811; E. BANGKOK 19739

1. SERGEANT SUONG PENG WOULD BE AN EXCELLENT CHOICE FOR
PERSUADING THOSE CAMBODIAN MILITARY TRAINEES WHO WISH TO
RETURN TO CAMBODIA NOT TO DO SO, HIS HEALTH AND GENERAL
BEARING HAVE BEEN RUINED BY THE EXPERIENCE, WHICH APART
FROM THE MASSACRE THAT TOOK PLACE SOON AFTER THEIR RETURN,
INCLUDED AS A MATTER OF ROUTINE, WORK IN THE FIELDS HARNESSSED
TO A PLOW. HOWEVER, HE SIGNED THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENT WHILE
IN UDORN, PRIOR EITHER TO RETURNING TO CAMBODIA OR COMING
IN CONTACT WITH A KHMER ROUGE OFFICIAL:

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PETITION MADE BY THE KHMER ARMED FORCES UNDER TRAINING IN THAILAND

WE THE UNDERSIGNED EX. OFFICERS, NCO AND SOLDIERS
OF THE KHMER ARMED FORCES, HAD LEFT CAMBODIA AND UNDER-
GONE DIFFERENT FIELDS OF TRAINING IN THAILAND. WE HAVE
BEEN EXTREMELY HAPPY TO HAVE HEARD FROM THE
PHNOM PENH RADIO BROADCAST AS THE FOLLOWING:

THE NATIONAL FRONT FOR LIBERATION OF CAMBODIA HAD
COMPLETELY LIBERATED CAMBODIA ON APRIL 17, 1975.
HAVING REALIZED THAT THE 17TH OF APR 1975 WAS THE
VERY GREAT HISTORICAL DAY OF RESTORING PEACE TO CAMBODIA,
PEACE THAT HAS BEEN BELOVED BY ALL OUR KHMER PEOPLE AS
WELL AS BY ALL OF US WHO HAVE BEEN AWAITING FOR THAT FOR
A LONG TIME, WE ALL HAVE BEEN VERY DELIGHTED AND WE DO
APPRECIATE VERY MUCH OUR NATIONAL FRONT FOR LIBERATION OF
CAMBODIA FOR ITS ACTIVE HEROISM TOWARDS ACHIEVING THE
TOTAL AND DEFINITIVE VICTORY.
FOR THE GREAT VICTORY ABOVE MENTIONED, WE, THE UNDERSIGNED MALE
AND FEMALE TRAINEES, FIRMLY MADE UP
OUR MINDS AS THE FOLLOWING:

-- STRONGLY DECLARE TO GIVE FULL SUPPORT TO THE ROYAL
GOVT FOR THE UNION OF CAMBODIA.

-- FIRMLY REQUEST OUR ROYAL GOVT TO PERMIT OUR
RETURN TO OUR HOMELAND IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE SINCE WE
ARE ALL KHMERS, WE LOVE THE KHMER NATION, I.E., WE LOVE
OUR TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY LIKE OUR LIVES.

-- FIRMLY VOLUNTEER TO SERVE OUR COUNTRY ALONG WITH
OUR KHMER PEOPLE BY ABIDING ALL THE DETAILS OF OUR POLITICAL
LINES. LONG LIFE* THE NATIONAL FRONT FOR LIBER. OF
CAMBODIA. LONG LIFE* THE PEOPLE'S ARMED FORCES FOR
LIBERATION OF CAMBODIA. LONG LIFE* THE ROYAL GOVT FOR
THE UNION OF CAMBODIA. LONG LIFE* THE NEW CAMBODIA.
UDORN, MAY 13TH, 1975. END TEXT.

2. SUBJ HAS GIVEN U.S. AS FIRST COUNTRY OF CHOICE FOR
IMMIGRATION.

3. IATF MAY WISH TO CONSULT WITH INS CONCERNING
ELIGIBILITY OF SUBJ WHO SIGNED ABOVE DOCUMENT PLEDGING
FULSOME SUPPORT FOR NEW KHMER ROUGE REGIME. APPARENTLY,
CAMBODIAN MILITARY TRAINEES AT UDORN TOOK INITIATIVE IN
SIGNING STATEMENT AS THEIR ONLY HOPE OF RETURNING TO
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CAMBODIA TO BE REUNITED WITH THEIR FAMILIES WITHOUT
SUFFERING REPRISALS FROM NEW REGIME.
WHITEHOUSE
UNQUOTE INGERSOLL

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